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SUBJECT: SEC BRIEFING FOR VALLADARES

REF: SAN JOSE 1343

1. BRIEFING OF VALLADARES WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE SENSITIVE IN LIGHT OF HIGHLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE HERE SURROUNDING VESCO-FIGUERES RELATIONSHIP AND RECENT CHARGES AGAINST EMBASSY IN CONNECTION WITH NEW EXTRADITION LAW. IT IS EQUALLY OBVIOUS THAT VALLADARES'S OBJECTIVES ARE THEMSELVES HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, ALTHOUGH HE IS NO DOUBT SINCERE IN HIS CONCERNS ABOUT VESCO.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, WHILE I BELIEVE WE SHOULD RESPOND TO A FORMAL REQUEST FROM VALLADARES FOR BRIEFING, I RECOMMEND THAT IT BE KEPT LOW KEY, STRICTLY FACTUAL AND BASED ENTIRELY ON PUBLIC INFORMATION WHICH WE WOULD NOT BE EMBARRASSED TO SEE DISSEMINATED HERE WITH ATTRIBUTION TO USG. I ALSO HAD IN MIND SENSITIVITY OF TIMING SINCE VALLADARES' EXPOSE WILL PRESUMABLY OCCUR NEAR END OF APRIL ONLY DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL U.S. DELEGATION TO PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.

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